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School performance frameworks—convening survey & resources

Dear Partner,

Thank you, everyone, for joining us yesterday to learn how other cities have used **school performance frameworks as an important component of their efforts to effectively close opportunity gaps.**

Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page and Minneapolis Federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari kicked off the morning, making the case to amend our state's constitution. They reaffirmed that all children should have the right to a quality education and that how we define quality will be instrumental.

We agree. **School performance frameworks empower communities to define, measure, and manage school quality**, together, as educators and policymakers, families and advocates.

Our guests from Bellwether Education Partners, the D.C. Public Charter School Board, and the Prince George's County Board of Education explained how frameworks are action-oriented tools that provide information on school performance across a variety of measures, and the instrument to continuously improve a system of schools and accelerate student outcomes. Dramatic improvement is possible—it stems from a keen focus on measuring and managing for school quality.

We'd love to know what you learned, what questions you have, and if you would like to be a thought partner in exploring how a school performance framework could be a driver for change locally. (If we missed you, we invite you to watch the [convening here.](#))

Access resources from our convening:

- [Eight Cities](#), a project of Bellwether exploring how cities are building a continuously improving system of schools, and, complementing it, [School Performance Frameworks: Lessons, Cases, and Purposeful Design](#).

- Sample frameworks from [Chicago Public Schools](#) and the [D.C. Public Charter School Board](#).
- The [website for Our Children](#), the campaign to amend our state's constitution to ensure every child has access to a quality education. (If you'd like to take action in support of the amendment, visit [this action center](#).)

I hope you'll join us in advancing solutions, like school performance frameworks, toward more schools that work—for all kids.

We believe great schools matter, and that they change lives.

Warmly,



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